

CHAPTER 2:

**THE SUZUKI MURDER AND
CRIMINALMENT CASE (19)**



Accused /
Tento Nonohashi
(Age 12)

Attorney /
Aboku Inagami
(Age 12)

Prosecutor /
Pine Hanabishi
(Age 12)

Victim /
Suzuki



ended up brutally
murdered and
dismembered!

The fish Suzuki,
which was being
raised by the class
for their *shokuboku*
food education
project.



Suspicion
was cast
upon Tendo
Nanshōshi
(Age 12).



TENDO'S
REAL FACE,
SO HE
PROBABLY
DID IT
FOR AIN!



I GAVE
NANSHŌSHI
THE
CLASSROOM
KEY SINCE
HE HAD
CREATURE
KEEPER
DUTY THAT
DAY...



I SAW
SUSUKI
GHOST
IN THE
POOL...



*THE
DEFENSE
HEREBY
REQUESTS
TO CALL A
WITNESS
TO THE
STAND!!*

*YOUR
HONOR!*

As the
onslaught of
unfavorable
testimony
continued,
Inugami finally
stepped in..



W-WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING?!

NOW, NOW, LET'S NOT SPEAK THE SMALL STUFF, BUT

HAHA... IT'S TRUE, I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A PETITION TO CALL WITNESSES EITHER...

O-OBJECTIOIN! WE HAD NO PRIOR NOTICE!

YUP!

TENTO...



ARE YOU SAYING THE TRUE PERPETRATOR CRAFTED ALL THIS TO FRAME THE ACCUSED?!

...AND A PAIR OF SCISSORS WITH A FISH SCALE ON THEM WAS FOUND IN HIS TOOLBOX!

NANA-HOSHI'S GUILT IS CERTAIN!

NO ONE ELSE COULDN'T ENTERED THE CLASSROOM AFTER HE LOCKED UP...



HAH! WELL, THAT'S REAL CONVENT

...BUT TENTO HAD THE PERPETRATOR.

NO... THOSE DO INDEED PROVE THAT TENTO COMMITTED A CRIME THAT DAY...

SUZUKI?!!

HUMNNNN
?!

SHOCK!!

A
FISH
?!!

...TO BE
ACCURATE,
IT'S NOT A
TESTIFYING
PERSON...

AH...
IT APPEARS
OUR WITNESS
HAS ARRIVED.

THOUGH...

NO!

THERE'S
NO MISTAKE,
NOT SUZUKI
TODAY!

GLUB...

IT
DEFINITELY
IS SUZUKI!!

Defense
Witness (1)
Suzuki

THAT'S
RIGHT, IF
THAT IS
SUZUKI...

S-
SUZUKI-
KI?!!

OBJEC-
TION!!
A FISH
CAN'T
TALK!!

TH-
THAT'S
...!!



HE THEN
CUT IT
UP WITH
HIS OWN
SCISSORS,
WHICH IS
BHHH. OF
COURSE,
THERE WAS
A FISH
SCALE ON
THEM...

SNIIP
SNIIP

...AND DREW
A STAR ON
IT WITH A
WATER-
RESISTANT
MARKER TO
MAKE IT
LOOK LIKE
SUSUKO.

ON THE
DAY OF
THE CRIME,
ONCE HE
WAS ALONE,
TENTO TOOK
OUT THE
PLUMMY
FISH HED
PREPARED...

EXACTLY..
THAT WAS
THE REAL
SUSUKO.
THE TIME
OF YEAR,
THE POOL
WATER IS
MURKY,
SO IT WAS
AN IDEAL
HIDING
PLACE.



THEN
THE
SHOOT
OF
SUSUKO
THAT I
SAW IN
THE
POOL
...?

THEN HE
HID THE
REAL
SUSUKO
ELSEWHERE
ON THE
SCHOOL
GROUNDS.



SMALL
INSECTS,
WHEN THEY
EXPERIENCE
OVERWHELMING
FEAR, PLAY
DEAD IN A
REFLEX
REACTION
CALLED
TANATOPO-
SIS...



INCIDENTALLY
THE ASSEMBLY
HALL IN THE
LIVE ROOM
WAS LIKELY
NOT DUE
TO A CURSE...

...BUT
BECAUSE
TENTO
USED IT
TO MOVE
OUTSIDE.





A BODIES-
BODIES, BE
GIFT
CARPETS
OF A
BODIES-
TICK LIKE
JERRY-
SPRINGS

OBJEC-
TION,
YOUR
HONOR
!!



YOU THINK SO?
FOR SURE,
THAT WOULD BE
THE CASE IF WE
WERE TALKING
HUMAN BODIES.
BUT...

...AND
THE
BODY
WAS CUT
INTO
SMALL
PIECES.

...IT'S
A FISH.
IT'S NOT
LIKE OUR
JAILERS
WOULD
BE DEAD...



AND TENTO,
ALSO FACING A
CERTAIN DREAD,
FEIGNED DEATH...
OR RATHER...

...LAUNCHED
A FAKE
MURDER
OPERATION!



INDEED...
I CAN
SEE THE
DEFENSE'S
ASSUMPTIONS.
HOWEVER...



I THINK IT'D
BE DIFFICULT
TO DISTINGUISH
A FISH OF THE
SAME SIZE IN
SOY SAUCE-
STAINED
WATER?



...WHY DID THE ACCUSED CARRY OUT SUCH A COMPLEX ACTION?



IT'S BECAUSE THE DAY AFTER THE VOTE...

...I HAPPENED TO FIND THIS INSIDE MY DESK.



That day.

Huguen had already figured it all out.

Dear Mr. Suzuki
We are grateful for your
kindness in the
classroom.

Suzuki

Dear Mr. Suzuki

Letter

A WARNING LETTER
...?

BUT THERE ARE NO
MANY MIS-
SPELLINGS
...





SO NATURAL, LIKE I INTENDED TO VOTE DON'T EAT.

TERRIBLE



AND ON THE DAY OF THE VOTE...

TERRIBLE



THEY ATE LUNCH WITH ME, WE WALKED HOME TOGETHER... I WAS HONESTLY IN HEAVEN...



I KNOW ABOUT YOUR SECRETARY'S PLAN



...AND ENDED UP VOTING DON'T EAT!

... I SWITCHED SIDES AGAIN...



I'M
SORRY,
EVERY-
BODY
!!!!

THAT'S
WHY I
WENT
ALONG
WITH THE
THREAT
AND
FAKED
SUZUKI'S
DEATH!!!!

I WAS
AFRAID
OF GOING
BACK TO
BEING ALL
ALONE,
AND I
FREAKED
OUT!!

WHEN
I SAW THE
THREATENING
LETTER AND
THOUGHT
I'D GET
EXPOSED AS
A FRAUD...



U#

W-HUH?
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT--

I GOT
THE FULL
DETAILS OF
THE VOTING
CIRCUM-
STANCES
FROM TENDO.

U#

I
WANT
YOU
ALL TO
RECALL
IT
TOO!!

THERE
WAS
ONE
FEAR-
TAKING
ABOUT
THAT
DAY!!!

**HEY
EVERYBODY!!**

*YOU'VE
ALREADY
PARTIALLY
ANSWERED
YOUR OWN
QUESTION!*

*THAT'S
WHY
YOU'RE
SUCH A
GREEN
PINE-
APPLE!*

LOOK

I AM NOW GOING
TO DISTRIBUTE
THESE PARTITION
SCREENS THAT
WILL SERVE
TO PREVENT
SNOOPING.

EVERYTHING
WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE PERFECT!
BUT SOMETHING
WENT WRONG...

OH!!
THERE
WAS!

HEY!
LOOKING
STOP
LOOKING
AROUND!

NOT
WENT TO
ADVICE IT
THAT
JOEY KIDDER,
YOU DON'T
SUSPECTED
THE ADVICE

EVERYBODY
KEEP YOUR
EYES ON
YOUR OWN
DESK ONLY,
PLEASE.

BECAUSE IT
WAS THE
ONE PERSON
HE ALREADY
ALIGNED TO
COURTESY.

NEITHER
TO THE
LEFT...

...NOR
TO THE
RIGHT...

SHUP...





TAKING A TALLY AFTER COLLECTION OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT !!

I WAS ONLY PATROLLING TO MAKE SURE NO ONE WOULD HAND IN A BLANK BALLOT!

HOW POSSIBLY ARE THE ONE WHO TESTIFIED THAT NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY SEE EACH OTHER'S BALLOTS?... TEACHER!

I-I MET SOMEONE SNOOPING ON NEIGHBORLY WRITING IN HIS VOTE...

I'M AN EDUCATOR! IF I WERE THE PRINCIPAL, I WOULDN'T HAVE SUCH A DANGEROUS METHOD...

I MEAN, "WARNING" IS SPELLED WITH A "U" INSTEAD OF "A"!!

B- BESIDES, THAT INTENTION LETTER IS BIZARRE!!! IT'S FULL OF MIS- SPELLINGS!







NOW
THAT SHE
MENTIONS
IT...

WHY DON'T
YOU HAVE
NANASHi
TO JOIN?

THAT'S WHY
I ENCOURAGED
THE SOLUTIONS
AND LED THE
WAY FOR THE
MORE NUMEROUS
BOYS TO WIN THE
VOTE...



...THE
BET SIDE
TO WIN.

I'M
SORRY
ALL OF
YOU...
I JUST
WANTED
THE
BOYS...



...TO GET
SOME KID
WITHOUT
DRESSING UP
OWN KID...
AND CAME UP
WITH THAT
PLAN...

THEN I
THOUGHT
TO USE
THE PLAN...



AND YET,
NANASHi'S
APPEARANCE
SPOILED ALL
OF MY CAREFUL
GROUNDWORK.



THE LOSS
OF THAT
PRECIOUSLY
NURTURED
LIFE!!!

I'M
NOT
WRONG,
YOU
KNOW
!!!!!!

THE WHOLE
POINT OF
SHORE-OLD
IS THE
BATHING...

Oh my god...

IN WHICH
CASE, I'D
HAVE JUST
SELECTED
A MUCH
CUTER BUNNY
RABBIT OR
SOMETHING!

IF WE
DIDN'T
EAT IT,
IT'D
JUST
BE A
PET!!!

AND YET,
HOW NARROWLY
OPTIMISTIC
BRACED'S
FOOTED
SHINING, "FOOD
THINK, FOOD"
AND FOOD,
FOOD, FOOD,
FOOD, FOOD, FOOD...

THAT'S AN
ARBITRARY
CONCLUSION
REACHED BY
FOOD!

THE
POINT
OF
SHOULD-
AND IS
THE
EATING
...?

...AND
EXPERIENCED
RAIN.

...
DEBATED
BACH AND
THE WHOLE
PAST MONTH
...

BOTH
THE *EAT*
AND...

THAT TIME
SPENT
TOGETHER
CONFRONTING
THE SAME
HURT AND
ANGLISH IS
WHAT'S
IMPORTANT.

AND IT'S
NOT YOUR
PLACE TO
DECIDE THE
OUTCOME...

...
DON'T EAT
FACTIONS...



...
**THAT'S
UP TO
THE
CLASS-
ROOM
SES-
SION
!!**

JUDG- MENT!!

**INNO-
CENT!!!**

I PRO-
NOUNCE
THE
ACCUSED,
TENTO
NANA-
HOSHI...

THE
CLASSROOM
ATTENTION
SESSION IS
ABOUT OVER!

FOR TAKING
ADVANTAGE OF
YOUR STUDENT'S
WEAKNESS AND
INSTIGATING A
CRIMINAL ACT,
I SENTENCE YOU,
HOMEROOM
TEACHER AKANE
AKIMOTO...
TO 100 YEARS OF
PUNISHMENT!

THE
FLOOR!!

WE'RE
SORRY
!!!!!!

UM...

GAH...

PLEASE
FORGIVE
US...

HOW
DARE
YOU
PUNISH
US...

AAAAA...

THANK YOU...



FOR NOT REALIZING
HOW MUCH
WE WERE
PRESSURING
YOU!



PLEASE
FORGIVE
US!



...HUNT

WE
APOLO-
GIZE,
TENTO!!



... YOU
CAN
STILL
FEEL
CAN'T
YOU?



IT
REALLY
HURT
THAT
MUCH,
HUN

WE
WON'T
DO
IT

HUN
DON'T
DO
HUN

TENTO



THE
POWER
OF
ROMANCE

...AND THE
IMPORTANCE
OF NOT
BEING
AFRAID TO
STATE ONE'S
FEELINGS...

I LEARNED
A LOT OF
THINGS FROM
EVERONE...

